

## Compliance Assessment Report CAR\_NRW0050146

**Permit being assessed:** BP3532HX.

**For:** Newport Ceramic Works EPR/BP3532HX, **held by:** Kennametal UK Ltd

**At:** Leeway Industrial Estate Lake Road , Newport, South Wales, NP19 4SR.

**Type of assessment:** Site Inspection,

**Reason:** Routine.

**On:** 15/10/2025 between 10:00 and 13:00.

**Parts of permit assessed:** See part 4.

**NRW Lead Officer:** David Thomson, accompanied by Guy Baskerville.

**Report sent to:** REDACTED, QESH Manager, on 15/12/2025.

### 1. Summary of our findings (full details in section 4)

Part of permitted activity assessed (compliance criteria)	Assessment result	Permit condition
IR2C - Installations - Operations - Operating techniques	Action only (X)	

Result types are explained in more detail in the 'Important Information' section below.

Total non-compliances recorded	Total non-compliance score
0	0

How we use the non-compliance score to calculate your annual fee is explained in the 'Important Information' section below.

### 2. What action is required?

Criteria	Action needed	Complete by
IR2C	Review existing arrangements for the storage of all potentially polluting materials at the installation, including, but not limited to, wastes, raw materials and products, to ensure that they comply with all relevant legislation and are environmentally protective. Record the arrangements in a revised document to be submitted to NRW for approval. Upon approval, the document shall replace Table C1 of Appendix C1, as referred to in Table S1.2 of Schedule 1 of the environmental permit.	13/02/2026

Compliance criteria codes are listed in the 'Important information' section below.

### 3. What will happen next?

Any non-compliance we have identified and recorded on this form is an offence. It can result in criminal prosecution and/or suspension or revocation of your permit.

**At this time, we do not intend to take any further action.**

This statement does not stop us from taking additional enforcement action if further relevant information comes to light or offences continue.

### 4. Details of our assessment

The purpose of this Compliance Assessment Report (CAR) is to record Natural Resources Wales' (hereafter NRW) site visit to Kennametal UK Ltd in Leeway Industrial Estate, Newport (hereafter operator) on 15 October 2025.

**Note** – As both Industry Regulation Officers had not previously visited this site, the purpose of the visit was to become familiar with on-site operations and activities. The previous officer responsible for regulating this site retired in late 2024 (see CAR\_NRW0044442).

#### Operating Techniques

Environmental permit condition 2.3.1 (Operating techniques) states:

*The activities shall, subject to the conditions of this permit, be operated using the techniques and in the manner described in the documentation specified in Schedule 1 Table S1.2, unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Agency.*

Table S1.2 of Schedule 1 (Operations) to the environmental permit is reproduced below.

Table S1.2 Operating techniques		
Description	Parts	Date Received
Application	Appendix C1, Table C1	15/11/06

Table C1 of appendix C1 to the environmental permit, submitted alongside the original environmental permit application, presents details of substances that are to be stored at the installation, typical quantities stored at any one time and their storage arrangements. It is unknown if the table was exhaustive at the time of application.

During the site tour, NRW Officers made several observations regarding waste storage practices that could pose an environmental risk. Subsequent correspondence with the operator and an online meeting on December 15th confirmed that Table C1 of Appendix C1 was no longer representative of the storage arrangements for potentially polluting substances (i.e., both waste and raw materials) used & produced on-site.

**Action:**  
*Review existing arrangements for the storage of all potentially polluting materials at the installation, including, but not limited to, wastes, raw materials and products, to ensure that they comply with all relevant legislation and are environmentally protective. Record the arrangements in a revised document to be submitted to NRW for approval. Upon approval, the document shall replace Table C1 of Appendix C1, as referred to in Table S1.2 of Schedule 1 of the environmental permit.*

NRW Officers reiterated during these discussions that when classifying any waste materials as per Waste Classification Technical Guidance WM3, the waste holder has a duty to determine if a 'mirror entry' waste is hazardous or non-hazardous. Where the composition of a mirror entry waste is not known and cannot be determined the mirror entry waste must be classified under the 'mirror hazardous' entry.

If you have any queries about this report, or to discuss completion of any actions, please contact the NRW Officer named above.

## Important information

### Legal status of this report

Your permit is issued to you under the Environmental Permitting Regulations. You have a responsibility to comply with the conditions of your permit and prevent pollution/harm of the environment. You must also ensure that you comply with any other relevant legislation that may apply to your site's operations.

This report explains the findings of our assessment and any action you are required to take. We categorise non-compliance using our guidance for assessing non-compliance at regulated sites.

When we find potential non-compliance/s we will normally give you advice on how to maintain compliance.

To correct non-compliance, we may:

- require you to take specific actions
- issue a notice
- review the conditions of your permit.

Any advice and guidance we give will be without prejudice to any other enforcement response that we consider may be required.

### Assessment results and non-compliance categories (used in section 1):

Assessment result	Description
Assessed (A)	Assessed or assessed in part, no evidence of non-compliance found
Action only (X)	Action only relating to the activity assessment
Ongoing (O)	Ongoing non-compliance, not scored

Non-compliance category	Description	Score
C1 Major	Potential to have a major, serious, persistent and/or extensive impact or effect on the environment, people and/or property	60
C2 Significant	Potential to have a significant impact or effect on the environment, people and/or property	31
C3 Minor	Potential to have a minor or minimal impact or effect on the environment, people and/or property	4
C4 No environmental impact	Non-compliance at a regulated site that cannot foreseeably have any impact on the environment, people and/or property	0.1

### How we use assessment scores

The number and severity of non-compliances recorded in a year will affect your annual subsistence fee the following year. A non-compliance factor is added to your site's Operator

Performance Risk Appraisal (OPRA) score when we calculate your fee to reflect the additional resource we use to assess permit compliance.

### **If your assessment result in Section 1 is suspended, what does this mean?**

In line with our guidance, we may suspend scores for up to six months to allow time for remedial action to be taken. Suspended scores will be re-instated if the action is not completed.

### **Full list of Industry compliance criteria (used in section 1 and 2):**

#### **1. Management**

- IR1A – General management
- IR1B – Finance (only applicable to Landfill)
- IR1C – Energy efficiency
- IR1D - Efficient use of raw materials
- IR1E - Avoidance, recovery and disposal of wastes produced by the activities
- IR1F - Multiple operator installations

#### **2. Operations**

- IR2A – Permitted activities
- IR2B – The site
- IR2C – Operating techniques
- IR2D – Technical requirements
- IR2E – Improvement programme
- IR2F – Pre-operational conditions
- IR2G – Landfill engineering (only applicable to Landfill)
- IR2H – Waste acceptance (only applicable to Landfill)
- IR2I – Leachate levels (only applicable to Landfill)
- IR2J – Closure and aftercare (only applicable to Landfill)
- IR2K – Landfill gas management (only applicable to Landfill)

#### **3. Emission and Monitoring**

- IR3A – Emissions to water, air or land
- IR3B – Emissions of substances not controlled by emission limits
- IR3C – Odour
- IR3D – Noise and vibration
- IR3E – Monitoring
- IR3F – Pests
- IR3G – Air quality management plans
- IR3H – Monitoring for the purposes of the Industrial Emissions Directive (this heading includes Large Combustion Plants)
- IR3I – Fire

#### **4. Information**

- IR4A – Records
- IR4B – Reporting
- IR4C – Notification

### **Enforcement response**

Any non-compliance with a permit condition is an offence and we may take legal action against you. Action we take can include prosecution, serving a notice on you and/or

suspension or revocation of your permit. See our Enforcement and Sanctions Guidance for further information.

### **Data protection notice**

You should make sure that anyone named in this report knows that the information it contains will be processed by Natural Resources Wales to fulfil its regulatory and monitoring functions and to maintain the relevant public register(s).

We may also use and/or disclose the report in connection with:

- offering or providing you with our literature or services relating to environmental matters
- consulting with the public, public bodies and other organisations (e.g. Health and Safety Executive, local authorities) on environmental issues
- carrying out statistical analysis, research and development on environmental issues
- providing public register information to enquirers
- investigating possible breaches of environmental law
- assessing customer service satisfaction and improving our service
- Freedom of Information Act or Environmental Information Regulations requests.

We may also pass it on to our agents or representatives to do these things on our behalf.

### **Disclosure of information – this report will be available to view on-line**

If you think this report contains commercially confidential information that should not be placed on our public register, you must contact your local Natural Resources Wales office within **fifteen working days** of receiving this report, using the contact details in the accompanying email or letter. You must give a full explanation of why it should not be added to our public register, including specifying which information is commercially confidential. We will assess your request and respond to you within twenty working days to let you know if we agree to your request.

### **What do I do if I disagree with the report or have a complaint?**

If you disagree with this compliance assessment report, you should contact the lead officer without delay to discuss your concerns.

If you are unable to resolve the issue with the lead officer or their line manager you should contact our Customer Contact team on 0300 065 3000 (Monday to Friday 08:00 to 18:00), or email [enquiries@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk) for details of how to raise your dispute further through our Complaints and Commendations procedure.

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you can contact the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales by phone on 0300 7900203 or by email at [ask@ombudsman.wales](mailto:ask@ombudsman.wales)

### **Welsh Language Standards**

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